

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A method for screening for compounds useful for the treatment or amelioration of preeclampsia and/or the symptoms thereof comprising:  
inducing preeclampsia in a ~~murine animal with a BPH/5 mouse phenotype~~;  
administering a test compound to the ~~murine animal~~ mouse; and  
monitoring the ~~murine animal~~ mouse for amelioration or elimination of preeclampsia or its symptoms, wherein amelioration or elimination of preeclampsia or its symptoms in the ~~murine animal~~ mouse indicates usefulness of the compound for the treatment of preeclampsia.

Claims 2-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Original): The method of claim 3, wherein preeclampsia is induced by mating the BPH/5 mouse with another mouse such that the BPH/5 mouse becomes pregnant.

Claim 5 (Previously presented): A method for screening for compounds useful for the treatment of preeclampsia comprising:  
mating a female BPH/5 mouse with another mouse ~~such that wherein~~ the BPH/5 mouse becomes pregnant and exhibits preeclampsia;  
administering a test compound to the pregnant BPH/5 mouse; and  
monitoring the pregnant BPH/5 mouse for amelioration or elimination of preeclampsia, wherein amelioration or elimination of preeclampsia in the pregnant BPH/5 mouse indicates usefulness of the compound for the treatment of preeclampsia.

Claims 6-12 (Cancelled).

Claim 13 (Currently amended): A method of screening a candidate compound for alleviating preeclampsia, said method comprising:  
inducing preeclampsia in a BPH/5 mouse by impregnating said mouse ~~murine animal~~;  
administering a compound to said ~~murine animal~~ BPH/5 mouse; and  
comparing the induced preeclampsia condition in said ~~murine animal~~ BPH/5 mouse with the induced preeclampsia condition in a control ~~murine animal~~ BPH/5 mouse that did not receive said candidate compound, wherein an amelioration or elimination in the preeclampsia condition of the treated ~~murine animal~~ BPH/5 mouse is indicative of the alleviating activity of said candidate compound.

Claims 14-15 (Cancelled).

Claim 16 (Currently amended): A method of screening a candidate compound for the prevention of preeclampsia, said method comprising:  
administering a compound to a ~~murine animal with a BPH/5 mouse~~ phenotype;  
inducing pregnancy in a ~~murine animal~~ said mouse; and  
comparing the pregnant condition in said ~~murine animal~~ mouse with said candidate agent with a pregnant control BPH/5 mouse exhibiting preeclampsia, wherein the prevention or reduction of the affects of the preeclampsia condition of the treated ~~murine animal~~ mouse is indicative of the alleviating activity of said candidate compound.

Claims 17-21 (Cancelled).